

competed in Natural Track, or Naturbahn, Luge for several years. They departed Michigan on Christmas Day for the World Championship series, which was held in Austria and Italy in early January. There they raced against world-class competition and represented Michigan and the United States with pride and dignity both on and off the track. Additionally, following this series, Tristen was requested by the International Luge Federation to stay in Europe for further competitions.

Tristen and Torrey are both members of the Upper Peninsula Luge Club. The UPLC's 800 meter, 32-turn track is the only natural luge track in the United States and one of only five lighted natural tracks in the world. The club hosts community events, luge instructions, and international competitions—including the 1995 Naturbahn World Cup. Their coach, Keith Whitman, is a native of the Upper Peninsula, a 40-year veteran of the sport, and a former National Luge Champion. The International Luge Federation is in the process of petitioning the International Olympic Committee to make Naturbahn Luge part of the 2022 Winter Olympics in Beijing, China.

Mr. Speaker, it's my honor to congratulate Tristen Vidlund and Torrey Cookman for their participation in the Natural Luge World Championship as members of the US, Natural Track Luge Team. Michiganders can take great pride in knowing the First District is home to such talented and dedicated individuals. On behalf of my constituents, I wish Torrey and Tristen all the best in their future endeavors.

#### CAROLE AND BOB BROWN RECEIVE PRESTIGIOUS CULTURAL VANGUARD AWARD

#### HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 17, 2018*

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Carole and Bob Brown for receiving the Sugar Land Cultural Arts Foundation's Cultural Vanguard Award.

Carole and Robert C. "Bob" Brown, III have been married for 63 years and have been a staple of our Sugar Land community for much of that time. Bob has over 40 years of leadership in the telecommunications industry. He remains an active member of our business and civic communities and serves as Chairman Emeritus of the Greater Fort Bend Economic Development Council. Carole has selflessly served in numerous organizations, including the Fort Bend Women's Republican Club, the American Heart Association and the Sugar Land Garden Club. Carole's passion is helping children. Both Carole and Bob have dedicated their lives to making our community a better place to live, work and raise a family.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Carole and Bob for this much deserved recognition. Thank you for your dedication to our Sugar Land community.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. EVAN H. JENKINS

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 17, 2018*

Mr. JENKINS of West Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I missed votes due to difficult traveling conditions caused by inclement weather. Had I been present, I would have voted yea on Roll Call No. 18 and yea on Roll Call No. 19.

#### HONORING REV. STEPHEN JASSO ON HIS RETIREMENT

#### HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 17, 2018*

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to one of Texas' truly selfless individuals, Rev. Stephen Jasso.

Father Jasso will soon retire from his position as pastor of All Saints Catholic Church, where he has been serving the Fort Worth community since 1994. Throughout his life, Father Jasso has been a tireless advocate for the poor, the dispossessed, immigrants, and members of his parish. It was in this capacity that I first met and befriended Father Jasso, and asked him to serve as a member of my Advisory Board. His advice and counsel over the years have been invaluable.

As the pastor of All Saints, Father Jasso has been instrumental in growing All Saints Catholic School, which is now serving students from across the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex. Father Jasso's motto is "the future is going to depend on being well educated and well trained." As a tireless champion of the importance of receiving a good education, Father Jasso tells students that "leadership is not just something that happens . . . it's something you get ready for."

Ask anyone who has had the pleasure of knowing him, and they will tell you stories about Father Jasso—how he was always there for people in need during the loss of a loved one, during challenging personal times, or in moments of serious health issues for family members and friends. Father Jasso has also been a strong advocate for immigrants, always urging those in power to treat diverse communities with dignity and respect. He has also been a man of action, serving on numerous non-profit boards and Fort Worth city task forces.

Father Jasso recently celebrated 50 years as a Franciscan friar. His lifelong commitment to serving others began while in the U.S. Army from 1953 to 1955, where he saw action in the Korean War as a Sergeant First Class in the First Armored Division. Father Jasso was called to the Franciscan Order in 1957 and was ordained a Roman Catholic priest in 1965.

Please join me in thanking Father Jasso for his service and in wishing him well in retirement.

#### HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF DEPUTY DANIEL MCCARTNEY

#### HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 17, 2018*

Mr. REICHERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember Deputy Daniel McCartney who died in the line of duty on Monday, January 8, 2018.

On that somber day, Washington State's and our nation's law enforcement lost one of their own. Deputy Daniel McCartney from the Pierce County Sheriff's Department lost his life in the line of duty while responding to a call of a reported home invasion. Deputy McCartney was shot while on foot chasing the suspects and died the next morning from the wounds he sustained.

Deputy McCartney lived a life dedicated to serving his country. His career began with six years of service in the United States Navy beginning in 2002 where he served as an electronics technician 2nd class in Afghanistan. Following his military service, Deputy McCartney served with the Hoquiam Police Department for five years. While there, he was selected and awarded the Officer of the Quarter by his peers.

After his time in Hoquiam, Daniel McCartney served with the Pierce County Sheriff's Department for three years. He was well loved and respected by his colleagues and his community. Many of those who worked with him over the years have shared stories over the past week about the kind of man Deputy McCartney was. He was always willing to put others before himself, attending community events on his days off and assisting with extra tasks around the office when help was needed. Deputy McCartney always went above and beyond the call of duty.

Pierce County Sheriff Paul Pastor spoke highly of Deputy McCartney, saying that he always ran toward trouble and he ran to protect. He was a man who helped others with the heart of a servant, spirit, strength and compassion.

Since his passing, Washington State has greatly mourned his loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with his loving family that he leaves behind, his wife and his three young boys. We also remember his colleagues at the Pierce County Sheriff Department as they face the heartbreak of losing a coworker and friend.

Today, in Pierce County, Washington, his family, friends, colleagues, and community will unite to celebrate his life and honor his service to our country. We recognize that same service here in Washington, D.C. today. I join with his family, friends, and community in thanking Deputy McCartney for his service.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 17, 2018*

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I was not present for the following votes because I chose to remain in my congressional district in Miami due to a family emergency.

Had I been present, I would have voted